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being sent him under charge of his son. It is Livingstone's purpose to go southward and discover the outlet to the great basin of the Tanganyika, extending from about 3° to 10° S. lat. and 27° to 39° E. long., which he had discovered, and explored on all sides except the southeastern.

### ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

F. C. H., Yellow Springs, Ohio.—It is not at all improbable that some *Tachina* parasite infests *Coreus tristis* De Geer. It is well known that beetles in the imago state are sometimes so parasitized, and we have bred a small *Tachina*-fly from *Cassida aurichalcea* Fabr. See also AMER. NAT., Vol. V, p. 217. We should like specimens from *Coreus tristis*.—C. V. R.

Mrs. P. H., New Haven.—The specimens of insects you sent to the NATURALIST, and which you found in such numbers on May 20th, are doubtless the *Termes frontalis* Haldeman (order Neuroptera), and are called the American white ants. The workers and females are white and wingless. The males, which are mostly black and winged, appear in May and June and for a few days are often seen in countless swarms. These insects live in moist, decaying wood only, and doubtless found a congenial home under the doorstep mentioned.—E. N.

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